

Blues hit by the weather

WYCOMBE Wanderers' fixture backlog at the end of the season was made even worse yesterday (Monday) when continuous heavy rain washed out their visit to Barking in the Isthmian League Premier Division, writes Michael Knox.

The rain started at about 11 a.m. and within two hours the pitch, already muddy in parts, had become submerged. The goalmouths and middle of the pitch were particularly badly affected.

The decision to postpone the game was made promptly but it was too late to prevent some Wycombe Wanderers players and supporters arriving at Mayesbrook Park only to be told that the game was off — and that their 90 mile round trip was in vain.

There's no chance of them rescheduling their game for this

week, as Wycombe are already fully booked up.

For the next two nights they are involved in matches that could give them the Shaw and Kilburn Floodlit League title to go with their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

KEY MATCH

The really key game is tonight (Tuesday) when Blues travel to Banbury, whom they defeated 3-1 at Loakes Park last week. The Southern Leaguers are the only side that can catch Wycombe, who would virtually clinched the championship with a victory.

The following night Wanderers entertain Aylesbury United in the same league and will be hoping to complete a double over the up-and-coming

rival Bucks club, who were taught a strict lesson in the first encounter between the two clubs.

On Thursday Millwall, currently striving to avoid relegation from Division Two of the Football League, are the visitors to Loakes Park. In their side will be Ian Pearson, who, of course, joined them from Wycombe at the start of the season. How Blues have missed his scoring talents this winter!

Friday sees Wycombe entertaining Sutton United, needing a win to help their chances in finishing third behind Enfield and Dagenham in the Isthmian League.

Blues were hoping to finish all their matches by F.A. Cup Final

day, but thanks to the weather, this can no longer be achieved.

They have already fixed up a match for next Monday, when they entertain Witney Town in their final Shaw and Kilburn game. I trust it will be closer than the first match at Witney which ended in a 6-0 win for Wycombe against a team of youngsters.

There was a full local football programme on Saturday and it proved to be an unhappy day for Kingsmead Athenian League championship challengers Chalfont St. Peter, who lost for the third time in five starts when going down to a 2-1 defeat at Alton Town.

There was better news of the two other local clubs in that league. Burnham moved closer to Chalfont with a 2-1 success at home to lowly Chertsey to record their ninth win in 10 games, while Marlow continued their fine form with an excellent 4-0 success at Kingsbury.